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Division of Workforce System Support  
Employment and Training Administration  
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Dear Ms. Vitelli:

Connecticut's Strategic State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act will expire on June 30, 2011. In accordance with *Training and Employment Guidance Letter 17-10*, Connecticut is requesting that the U.S. Department of Labor extend the life of the existing Connecticut WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act State Plan into Program Year 2011 (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012).

Connecticut is also requesting an extension of existing waivers through Program Year 2011, in compliance with guidance provided in *Training and Employment Guidance Letter 17-10*. No new waivers for Program Year 2011 are requested.

For Program Year 2010, Connecticut was granted the following waivers:

- Waiver of the requirement for a 50 percent employer contribution for customized training, to permit a sliding scale contribution for small and medium sized businesses;
- Waiver to increase the employer reimbursement for on-the-job training for small and medium sized businesses;
- Waiver to permit the use of a portion of local area formula allocation funds to provide incumbent worker training;
- Waiver of the prohibition on use of ITAs for youth to allow flexibility in provision of training services to youth;
- Waiver of the requirement for competitive procurement of service providers for up to three youth elements (work experience, support services, and follow-up services) to ensure continuity of youth services;

- Waiver to permit implementation of (and reporting only) common measures in place of current measures;
- Waiver of the time limit on the period of initial eligibility for training providers, to address data collection barriers.

Connecticut is seeking to negotiate new WIA performance goals for Program Year 2011. The following are Connecticut's proposed WIA performance goals for Program Year 2011:

#### **Suggested Goals for PY 2011 under Common Measures**

<b>Adult Measures</b>	<b>Statewide Goal</b>
Adult Entered Employment	67.0%
Adult Employment Retention Rate	82.7%
Adult Average Earnings	\$10,500

<b>Dislocated Worker Measures</b>	<b>Goal</b>
Dislocated Worker Entered Employment	76.0%
Dislocated Worker Employment Retention Rate	87.5%
Dislocated Worker Average Earnings	\$15,000

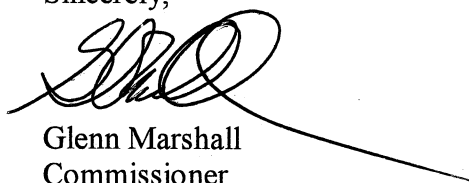
<b>Youth Measures</b>	<b>Goal</b>
Placement in Employment or Education	64.0%
Attainment of Diploma or Certificate	51.0%
Literacy and Numeracy Gains	25.0%

Connecticut intends to extend its negotiated Program Year 2011 Wagner-Peyser performance goals through Program Year 2011.

Notice of this request for an extension of the current WIA/Wagner-Peyser Act State Plan and waivers into Program Year 2011 will be posted on the Connecticut Department of Labor Web site for public comment, along with proposed WIA performance goals, and legal notices will be placed in local area newspapers on Tuesday, April 26, 2011. The current State Plan is available on the agency Web site.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Glenn Marshall  
Commissioner

cc: Holly O'Brien, Regional Administrator  
Minnie Holleran, Federal Liaison  
Mark Polzella, Director of Labor Operations  
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